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REFS: A. USNATO 2037; B. USNATO 2025; C. USNATO 1956

1. THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE IS FURNISHED IN RESPONSE TO  
REFTELS:

A. 1L27 - PROVIDE ONE BATTERY SAM-LO (MEDIUM RANGE) AT  
EACH OF FIVE AIR BASES AND ONE DEPOT COMPLEX IN 4 ATAF

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REAR AREA. COMMENT: THE US IS UNABLE TO SUPPORT THIS

PROPOSAL. THE US DOES RECOGNIZE A HIGH PRIORITY FOR THE AIR DEFENSE OF THESE IMPORTANT INSTALLATIONS. THE HAWK RESOURCES PROGRAMMED FOR THE ACTIVE ARMY WILL NOT PROVIDE SUFFICIENT ASSETS TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENT. THIS IS PRIMARILY A FUNCTION OF LIMITED MANPOWER IN TERMS OF YEARLY MANPOWER END-STRENGTHS. DEPLOYMENT OF RESERVE - MANNED HAWK BATTERIES WILL NOT PROVIDE THE TIME-SENSITIVE AIR DEFENSE PROTECTION REQUIRED. THE US BELIEVES THAT HOST COUNTRIES SHOULD ACCEPT THIS RESPONSIBILITY AND SOLICITS THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE ALLIES IN THIS MATTER. MISSION MIGHT SUGGEST TO DRC A SUBSTITUTE PROPOSAL SUCH AS "INVESTIGATE, IN COLLABORATION WITH ITS ALLIES, MEANS TO PROVIDE ONE BATTERY SAM-LO (MEDIUM RANGE) AT EACH OF 5 AIR BASES AND ONE DEPOT COMPLEX IN 4 ATAF REAR AREA."

IT MAY BE THAT DRC WOULD PREFER SUCH LANGUAGE TO AN OUTRIGHT US REJECTION. SUCH AN ALTERNATIVE, IF AGREED, WOULD BE HELPFUL TO US IN CONTINUING DISCUSSION OF THE PROBLEM.

B. 1A16 - INVESTIGATE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER NATIONS, THE PROVISION OF AN AIRBORNE WARNING AND CONTROL SYSTEM (AWACS) JET POWERED FORCE WHICH POSSESSES THE REQUIRED EW EQUIPMENT TO ENSURE SURVIVABILITY. COMMENT: THE REWORDING OF THIS PROPOSAL AS EXPRESSED IN REFTEL B, "IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER ALLIES, CONTINUE TO INVESTIGATE PROVISION OF AN AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING SYSTEM OPTIMIZED FOR NATO" WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO US IF CHANGED TO READ, " IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER ALLIES, CONTINUE TO INVESTIGATE PROVISION OF AN AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING AND CONTROL SYSTEM." WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT WE KEEP THE ALLIES ENGAGED WITH US IN THIS PROPOSAL AND THUS CAN MAKE CONCESSIONS IN WORDING TO RETAIN THIS POINT OF COLLABORATION. THE PROPOSAL, REWORDED AS ABOVE, SHOULD BE BROAD ENOUGH TO ACCOMMODATE ALL OF THE VESTED INTERESTS INVOLVED. IT DOES NOT PREJUDGE NOR INHIBIT THE AC 224 STUDY, IT LEAVES AWACS DEVELOPMENT UNTOUCHED, AND MAY BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE UK.

C. 1A01S, 2S, 3S - CONSIDER EARMARKING FOR SACEUR'S USE ADDITIONAL USAF FBS/A, FBA AND TR SQUADRONS, UP TO SEVEN, FOR DEPLOYMENT IN EUROPE, ARRIVING AFTER M4, SUB-  
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JECT TO ADEQUATE BED-DOWN ARRANGEMENTS IN HOST COUNTRIES. COMMENT: AS MISSION RECOGNIZES, THE PRESENT WORDING HAS CHANGED FROM OUR UNDERSTANDING OF DRC AGREEMENT ON APRIL 1. WE HAD INTERPRETED THE SILENCE OF THE SOUTHERN REPRESENTATION TO MEAN AGREEMENT. THE REVISED WORDING IS A MATTER OF CONCERN TO US BECAUSE IT CAN BE MISUNDERSTOOD AS A LESSENING OF SUPPORT FOR HELPING THE US TO OBTAIN BASE ARRANGEMENTS AND FACILITIES. WE RECOGNIZE THE ISSUE

MAY BE ONLY ONE OF SEMANTICS, PERHAPS EVEN COSMETICS, BUT IT COMES AT AN UNFORTUNATE TIME WHEN WE ARE SEEKING A DECISION ON THIS VERY POINT OF EARMARKING ADDITIONAL AIR-CRAFT FOR SACEUR'S STRATEGIC RESERVE. (REF C) IN VIEW OF THE PAST RECORD ON THE PROBLEM OF BASING FACILITIES FOR OUR EARMARKED RAPID REACTOR SQUADRONS, MISSION SHOULD URGE THE DRC TO RETURN TO AND ACCEPT THE APRIL 1 WORDING OF QUOTE CONSIDER EARMARKING FOR SACEUR USE ADDITIONAL US FBS/S, FBA, AND TR SQUADRONS, UP TO A TOTAL OF SEVEN, FOR DEPLOYMENT TO EUROPE AFTER M PLUS 4, IF HOST NATIONS AND NATO PROVIDE ADEQUATE COLLOCATED OPERATING BASE ARRANGEMENTS AND FACILITIES END QUOTE. D. 1A31 - PROCURE AN ADVANCED STOL TRANSPORT (MST). COMMENT: IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT DRC ON APRIL 1

ACCEPTED THE WORDING AS "CONTINUE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ADVANCED MEDIUM STOL TRANSPORT (MST)." THIS WORDING IS ACCURATE AND REFLECTS THE FACT THAT THE US IS CURRENTLY AT THE PROTOTYPE STAGE AND MAY NOT PROCURE BY END 1980. THE APRIL 1 WORDING WILL PRECLUDE THE NEED TO EXPLAIN A SHORTFALL IF THIS PROPOSAL/GOAL GOES UNALTERED. REQUEST MISSION ASK DRC TO ACCEPT APRIL 1 LANGUAGE.

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